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Project, State: Lead Agency	Type of Project	Type of Document Expected	DEIS Rating	Internal Coordination	Comments	Most recent RA briefing
Rosemont Copper Project, Arizona: U.S. Forest Service	Open Pit Copper Mine	DEIS comments sent 2/21/2012. Prelim AFEIS comments sent 8/15/13. FEIS/draft ROD received 12/13/2013. USFS granted EPA an open- ended extension of the referral deadline to allow interagency issue-resolution discussions to proceed. It is anticipated that the end-date for this extension will be determined in tandem with the Corps of Engineers permit decision process.	EU-3	NEPA Reviewer: Carter Jessop AIR-1: Colleen McKaughan WTR-8: Elizabeth Goldmann, Robert Leidy ORC: Rich Campbell	Proposed copper mine south of Tucson, AZ. Impacts include degradation of aquatic habitats across protected preserves; significant air impacts; T&E species; tribal/cultural impacts. EPA has reserved its authority to refer the project to CEQ under NEPA and elevate the 404 decision under CWA 404(c), if necessary. From December 2013 through Spring 2016, CEQ convened regular interagency coordination calls, in which EPA participated. The calls have been suspended while participants await the Corps of Engineers' permit decision. On 4/28/16 the USFWS provided USFS with a revised amended Final Biological Opinion. On 4/21/16 EPA, USFS, BLM, Corps, and FWS managers and staff accompanied CEQ on a visit to the project site, as well as sites of proposed mitigation and impacts, and discussed the project's expected impacts and the potential paths forward for the federal partners. In July 2016, COE LA District Office recommended denial of 404 permit; decision rests with South Pacific Division and may not be rendered for several months. On 8/19/16, Region 9 and Forest Service had a "check-in" call, during which Forest Service confirmed that it has made no decision yet and intends to continue aligning its decision timeline with that of COE. In January 2017, we learned that COE South Pacific Division had, in December 2016, corresponded with proponent re: proponent's interest in obtaining an approved JD, and COE plans to schedule a meeting with proponent in Jan/Feb 2017 to discuss COE's review of the permit application. 1/26/17: R9 Acting RA sent email to COE SP Div. confirming that EPA's concerns remain "as reflected in the administrative record", and offering EPA's assistance in preparing for that meeting and coordinating on JD, if Hudbay decides to request one.	4/29/16 (for Acting RA Alexis Strauss)

Acronyms:

APS	Arizona Public Service
CAA	Clean Air Act
CEQA	California Environmental Quality Act
CZMA	Coastal Zone Management Act
DEIS	Draft Environmental Impact Statement
DPEIS	Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement
DSEIS	Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement
EA	Environmental Assessment
EC	Environmental Concerns
ERS	Environmental Review Section (R9)
EO	Environmental Objections
EU	Environmentally Unsatisfactory
FEIS	Final Environmental Impact Statement
FPEIS	Final Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement
HCP	Habitat Conservation Plan
LO	Lack of Objections
LEDPA	Least Environmentally Damaging Practicable Alternative
MSHCP	Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan
NOI	Notice of Intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement
OPPA	Office of Planning and Public Affairs (R9)
ORC	Office of Regional Counsel (R9)
PDEIS	Preliminary Draft Environmental Impact Statement
PEIS	Programmatic EIS
PIO	Pacific Islands Office (R9)
SDEIS	Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement
SNOI	Supplemental Notice of Intent
RDEIS	Revised Draft Environmental Impact Statement
WTR	Water Division (R9)
2	Insufficient Information
3	Inadequate Information
309	CAA Section 309 – ERO's EIS review authority
404	Clean Water Act Section 404